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**From the Editor**

Welcome to Issue No. 32 of Lux.

Happy New Year.

The interest in Lux has increased slowly. I am enjoying sharing all of the information that comes my way from my work within the Library and Museum of the Grand Lodge of Oregon A.F. and A.M. and also from what I find via the old world wide web...

I am excited to receive new papers from Brothers who have worked so hard on their topics.

We can learn so much from each others interests in the Ancient Craft.

Please feel free to share this issue with any Brother who you think will find light by what is shared within.

If you know of anyone who would like to be placed on the email blast just email me or text me below.

I hope you enjoy this issue.

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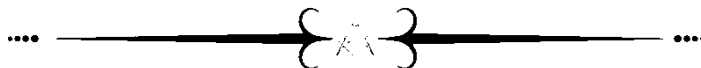
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The unusual mark shown herewith was found on a piece of shell unearthed about 50 years ago near Phoenix, Ariz. The shell's age is estimated at 2000 years. The picture from which this illustration was made was loaned to the Oregon Mason by George Martin, Portland, member of Portland Lodge. It is supposed to be the work of an American Indian of a forgotten year. The detail, as a study of the drawing shows, is amazing, and the shape of the mark is provocative of much speculation on the part of any Craftsman.

#### REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH

By WALTER K. BELT, Newport, Ore.  
Remember thy Creator, son,  
Now in thy youthful days.  
Your race of life is well begun—  
To Him be all the praise—  
For with that great Creator's aid  
You cannot fail to win.  
So face the future undismayed,  
Press on, through thick and thin,  
Remember thy Creator, man,  
Now in thy robust prime.  
Keep up the race as you began  
Nor fret at passing time.  
The goal you sought is now in sight,  
Ere long you win your lays,  
So persevere with all your might  
And give your God all praise.

Remember thy Creator, sire,  
Your race of life is done,  
And so you pass—as you retire—  
Your baton to your son.  
You may not see tomorrow's dawn,  
You rest upon the sod,  
For song with strength to carry on  
Give thanks unto your God.

The poem, "Let's Keep It Clean," on page 53 of July issue, which showed no author, should have been credited to Brother Belt.

George F. Gardiner, one of the first petitioners for degrees in Benjamin Franklin Lodge (Portland) after its institution in April, 1949, died Aug. 4. The Lodge conducted last rites Aug. 9. Burial was in Willamette National cemetery. Brother Gardiner was a veteran of world war I.  
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## Dates for September Meetings Are Set

Each District Has Program Arranged for Centennial Observance

Plans are practically complete for the start of the observance of the 100th anniversary of the GrLodge on Sept. 15. Kick-off meetings will be held in all Districts at or near that date. The larger number are having theirs on the exact date. It is the plan of the Centennial Committee that the program shall be continued in the Lodges from September until the GrLodge's observance of the occasion at its annual communication in June of next year. Only the first and second annual communications of the GrLodge were held in September. The date was changed to June and has so remained through the century despite numerous attempts to change it.

The following details of the District meetings have been released by Deakin O. Bergey, chairman of the committee handling this part of the centennial program:

- 1—Sept. 19, Commandery room, Masonic Temple, Portland. Tyled. Music, historical play, refreshments.
- 2—Sept. 15, Mt. Hood Temple. Open. Music by Doric and Kenton Lodges. Play by Mt. Hood and Unity. Shalom Eldridge, PGM, and E. J. Bolliger, Sr-GrDeacon, speakers. Refreshments.
- 3—Sept. 14, Oregon City high school. Open. Musical number by each Lodge. Walter W. R. May, principal speaker. Refreshments.

4—Sept. 15, McMinnville Masonic Temple. Tyled. Leonard Hamner, Past DDoGM, and H. Wayne Stanard, PGM, principal speakers, also speaker from each Lodge. Refreshments.

5—Sept. 27, Tillamook Masonic Temple. Tyled. Each Lodge to furnish number for program. Refreshments.

6—Sept. 15, Salem Scottish Rite Temple. Open. Music by Santiam choral

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## ANNUAL MASONIC PARTY WILL HONOR GRAND OFFICERS

Dancing and Cards to Entertain Members of the Craft and Partners Friday, Oct. 11

The second annual Masonic dance and card party, in honor of the Grand Master and his official family, will be held Friday, October 11, in the Masonic Temple. It will be an informal affair.

Three floors of the Temple will be used for the entertainment of the members of the Craft and their partners. There will be dancing on the third floor and the main floor and card tables will be available on the second floor.

Last year's party was such a great success that Brother J. O. Freck, chairman of the committee on arrangements, is making ready for an even greater number of guests on October 11. Only one lady may accompany a member, and admission will be by 1935 cards. Brethren from out of town with their partners will be given a cordial welcome.

A grand reception will be held by the grand officers and their wives on the main floor from 8 to 8:45 P. M. During the reception it is planned to have the bands of the rival college teams, the University of California and the University of Oregon, give a band concert. This Brother Freck says will be a very peppy affair. At 9 o'clock will be the official reception of the Grand Lodge officers and their wives, escorted by all Worshipful Masters and their wives.

Immediately after the grand march, directed by Brother Robert Krohn, to the music of the combined bands of the two universities, dancing will begin on the first and third floors.

A red carnation in the buttonhole will mark the Masters and Wardens on this occasion. Tylers from the various lodges will be at the doors to see that only Masons and their partners are admitted.

## LET'S GET ACQUAINTED CLUB OPENS SESSIONS

At the first of the fall meetings of the Let's Get Acquainted Club of Clackamas county held Tuesday evening, September 10, at Milwaukie, W. Bro. Thias, W. M., and his corps of handshakers were kept busy welcoming the visitors. There was a large attendance, every Lodge in the county being well represented. Change's Worshipful Master, Bro. Surber, was in California but that didn't keep his boys at home.

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Many of the Portland Lodges were represented as well.

Among the distinguished guests of the evening were: Bro. F. W. Knoll, W. G. Sword Bearer; A. Ray Kellogg, W. G. Standard Bearer; Ernest P. Randa, D. D. G. M. District No. 3, and Walter H. Brown, D. D. G. M. District No. 8.

A fine program of piano and accordion numbers was presented, while the talks were of the impromptu variety. Then to the dining room for watermelon in helpings that would make a darkey's eyes pop.

The next meeting is slated for October 24, with Molalla No. 178 at Molalla. W. Bro. Buxton, W. M., has promised us a venison feed—if the venison is willing. Better come along and get acquainted.

## SEAL OF SOLOMON DESIGN DISCOVERED UPON WHITE HOUSE

Repairs to the White House in Washington, D. C., this summer, disclosed the ancient design called the "Seal of Solomon" or "Shield of David" carved



(Courtesy Associated Tribunes)  
SEAL OF SOLOMON

on the base of one of the keystones of the arches under the floor of the north portico of the President's dwelling.

How this design came to be placed (Continued on page 20)

## NECO CLUB TEAM CONFERS DEGREE ON FELLOW WORKER

Park Rose No. 179 Begins Fall Activities Under Favorable Auspices

Refreshed by a two months' vacation from Lodge activities, W. Brother R. D. Palmer, W. M. of Park Rose No. 179, began his fall term with plenty of the spirit that makes Masonry. In order to take care of the evening's program, the Lodge opened at 7:30 P. M.

The Neco Masonic Club, composed of employees of the Northwestern Electric Company, sent a large delegation to consider the M. M. degree upon Floyd J. McClure. The team work was under the direction of R. B. Olden, W. M., and the degree was most impressively conferred. Brother McClure was then presented with a Masonic pin from members of the Neco club. The following Neco club members took parts in the degree: R. K. Dushko, P. S. Grutze, R. F. Hamilton, E. R. Nelson, Ray Hansen, Hubert Millay, F. F. Walrod, Ray L. Stout, Leonard Kistler, David L. Hiatt, Miles Perry, Rollo Ellis, C. E. Dunaway, J. G. Olsen and R. B. Olden.

The large attendance was very encouraging to Bro. Palmer, who has been devoting considerable time and thought to giving the Lodge something different every meeting night; and he does it. The fall meetings are well planned to give plenty of real enjoyment and it is expected to have a large increase in attendance. Bro. Wallace Spence, D. D. G. M., was also in attendance to help the evening along.

Refreshments were served after the meeting and the Stewards were kept busy until a late hour. The Lodge meets the second and fourth Mondays. Brethren are always welcome.

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## FLOWERS CARRIED ON 25-YEAR TOUR OF HOSPITAL BEDS

Bro. Tom Shallenberger Brings Good Cheer to Shut-ins of Des Moines, Iowa

Brother Tom Shallenberger of Des Moines, Ia., in 25 years has visited 15,000 sick persons, making an estimated total of 30,000 calls. Tom is 83 and has not had an ache or a pain since his attack of appendicitis four years before the Civil war. He always brings flowers to those on whom he calls in summer and fruit in the winter. The flowers he grows in his own backyard.

The Des Moines Tribune, with its quarter million circulation, puts the account of this volunteer bearer of cheer on its first page, and accompanying illustrations show, as the horn of the piece, a kindly faced little man, with a huge mustache, a strong chin, a powerful nose and a general air of trustworthiness.

The groundwork for Tom's visits to the hospitals is provided by the lists of Masons and Eastern Stars on the hospital files, but he does not confine himself to these patients.

"My flowers are my men—not being limited by a committee—and if I see some little girl in the hospital corridor or in a room there who looks as if she'd like flowers, I'm free to give them to her," says Tom in his smilingly positive way.

The journeys of love and good will started 25 years ago, when Tom called on a brother Mason in a hospital and found the room full of flowers.

"I told him all he lacked for a funeral was a casket," Tom chuckled.

The sick Mason told his friend of a girl of 14 down the hall who had been in the hospital seven weeks and had had no visitors but the nurses. The little girl patient cried with joy when Tom took his brother Mason's bouquets to her.

Then the great idea was born. There must be many others in the hospital without friends to visit them. There must be out-of-town Masons among them.

So Tom induced the hospital officials to include the lodge affiliations of pa-

tients in the admittance records, and the 25-year pilgrimage was started.

Tom's acquaintance has spread all over the state by his dropping in to cheer up persons he had never heard of. Once he received a cablegram from Hawaii from an utter stranger, asking him to visit a man and his wife sick in a local hotel.

"I went," said Tom, "and I am glad I did, for they are nice people, and we are good friends now."

"I have a few rules," he continued, "which I use generally in my room-to-room visits in the hospitals, but they are not set. I never mention their being sick. I never ask what's the matter with them. Once in a while I lie a little bit to them—if they appear especially downcast."

## SHINING KITCHEN GIVES SOUTH GATE GREAT PLEASURE

It seems as if the spirit of harmony and cooperation in South Gate No. 182 never slackens, even during the months of summer vacation. A striking example of this was evident when the Lodge opened for the first stated in September. Where a partially renovated kitchen had been at the time of the last meeting in June there was exposed to the admiration of all a gleaming white culinary department which made the Deacons and Wardens wonder if it would not be advancement to return to the Steward's stations again. While no one takes credit for this change it must be said that it is due to the joint efforts of South Gate Lodge and South Gate Chapter No. 149, O. E. S.

According to what seems to be coming a custom at South Gate three new petitions were received at the first stated in September, making 15 new petitions this year. This is very gratifying to all the membership and especially to W. Bro. Bill Nunnenkamp, the popular and hard-working Worshipful Master. Incidentally there will be plenty of work in store for the officers during the remainder of the year.

At the October stated a program of unusual interest is being prepared and visiting members are welcome. It has been a pleasure to see so many visitors at South Gate and the Lodge appreciates and enjoys these visitations.

## ALBERT PIKE LODGE TO PUT ON FAMILY NIGHT OCTOBER 4

Program of Entertainment Being Prepared by Brother David Foulkes, Chairman

Another "family night" entertainment, patterned after the highly successful event which closed the Lodge's spring season of social activity, was announced by D. Frank Bowder, Master of Albert Pike No. 162, at the regular business session of September 20.

Speaking for the chairman of the entertainment committee, Bro. David Foulkes, who was enjoying the cool sea breezes at the Clatsop county beaches and was unable to be present at the meeting, W. Bro. Bowder stated that a program of high class entertainment would be scheduled for the Lodge hall on the evening of Friday, October 4, followed by refreshments and a social hour in the dining room. The family night programs have drawn the largest attendance of any Lodge functions during the past few years and it is anticipated that the more elaborate preparations being made for the October date will set a new record.

Indications are that the Lodge will also be quite active in ritualistic work during the fall season as well as along social lines. Owing to the fact that the September business meeting was the first gathering after the summer vacation the Master was unable to make a definite announcement as to the dates of special meetings for the conferring of degrees, but a number of candidates are in waiting and few dark nights are likely without in the near future.

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# MALTA NO. 4 ELECTS SIR E. L. LENNOX, K. T., COMMANDER

Commandery at Ashland Starts  
Off New Year With Elec-  
tion and Installation

At the election held by Malta Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar, at Ashland, September 4, Sir E. L. Lennox of Medford was elected Commander. Other officers for the ensuing year are: M. W. Grubb of Ashland, Generalissimo; E. T. Newberry of Talent, Captain General; G. B. Alden of Medford, Senior Warden; P. L. Ashcraft of Ashland, Junior Warden; G. W. Dunn of Ashland, Treasurer; W. H. Day of Ashland, Recorder.

Announcement was made of the appointive officers follows: A. G. Bishop of Medford, Prelate; E. C. Biegel of Ashland, Standard Bearer; R. R. Ebel of Medford, Sword Bearer; J. H. Rolston of Medford, Warden; W. F. Loomis of Ashland, Sentinel.

At the installation, held Wednesday, September 18, Sir G. W. Dunn, P. G. C., was the installing officer. In accordance with custom and as a tribute of appreciation the retiring Commander, Sir R. L. Burdick, was presented with the shoulder straps of a Past Commander.

Light refreshments were served at the closing of the ceremonies.

At the beginning of the Templar year the Commandery's status was as follows: Membership September 1, 1934, 188. Knighted, 13; reinstated, 3. Dropped from the rolls, 17; died, 1. Membership September 1, 1935, 186.

# HILLAH TEMPLE BACKS SHOW TO RAISE FUNDS

During the first week in September Hillah Temple, A. A. O. M. S., staged a carnival attraction for the benefit of its patrol in Medford. Financial returns were merely fair. The show was held at the fair grounds. The same attraction gave a week's entertainment at Klamath Falls, for the benefit of the Temple's drum corps, netting for that Shrine unit \$600.

Hillah Temple's fall ceremonial will be held at Ashland Friday, November 16, with Potentate John C. Thompson, of Medford, heading the divan.

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## Seal of Solomon

(Continued from page 8)

there or at whose order the carving was made is a mystery, although tradition has associated Masonic ceremonies with the building of the nation, and it is a matter of speculation whether this carving was made when the foundation was built or at the time of restoration after the burning of the building in 1814.

The device in the center of a star formed of two triangles, which looks something like the letter "M" with a small character at the upper right corner, says a bulletin of the Masonic Service Association, is a Hebrew character representing one of the sacred names of deity, which the ancient Jews were forbidden to pronounce. The inscription of the sacred name within the triangle was supposed by them to give to the design certain talismanic powers, such as safeguarding their houses from fire, and, if carried on the person, to prevent wounds in battle.

Belief that the design was a protection against fire or other damage to a building led to its general use. It has been found in India, in Barbary and throughout Europe, where it appears on medallions, and in churches, where it is carved on walls or painted on windows. It may be that some Chapter Mason had in mind a protection for the White House from flames when he carved the design on the keystone.

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# FOUR GROTTOS TO JOIN IN CEREMONIAL WITH GUL REAZEE

November 30 Fixed as the Date  
When One Hundred Candi-  
dates Will Be Initiated

By GEORGE WEATHERHEAD

Gul Reazee Grotto will stage one of the biggest ceremonials in the history of the local organization November 30. This was decided upon at the monthly meeting held September 23. It is expected that more than 100 candidates will be initiated.

Grottoes joining Gul Reazee in this big event will be those at Seattle, Tacoma and Yakima. Seattle and Tacoma Grottoes were represented at the meeting here by E. P. Houghton of Tacoma, E. C. Collier, Chief Justice; D. J. Keating, Captain of Guard; Lee I. Newman, Secretary; George Middlemas, Marshal, and Frank Scott of Angora Grotto, Seattle.

All of the visitors gave inspiring talks in behalf of the welfare of the Grotto, and assured the officers of Gul Reazee that the Grottoes they represent would be here for the ceremonial in full force. Tacocat Grotto will bring its brass band, as will probably the Grotto from Yakima. Ernest Hoscock of Gul Reazee will have charge of the cast. The event will be started with a banquet, to be served at 6:30 P. M.

At the meeting held here the program of entertainment consisted of all Scotch numbers, with George C. Graham as master of ceremonies. These numbers included the Kilts band, Scotch songs and dances, which proved popular with the big audience. Following the program refreshments were served.

Norman A. Thompson, Monarch of Gul Reazee, appointed Prophets Joe Dunne, Ira Cobe and Bill Bowes, as a committee to make plans for Gul Reazee to take part in promoting a safety first automobile driving campaign. The committee is to report at the October meeting.

# ROSE CITY CHAPTER NO. 86, O. E. S., HOST TO MANY VISITORS

First Meeting After Vacation  
Brings Out Large Attendance  
— Surprise Party Given

The arrival of September brought to an end the vacation season and gave the signal for renewed Chapter activities and many social functions.

The first meeting of Rose City Chapter No. 86, O. E. S., September 6, was attended by many visitors from other states, and from Alaska, as well as a number from several cities in Oregon. All spoke briefly of their pleasure in visiting a Portland Chapter. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

Rose City Chapter officers had a surprise party, Tuesday, September 17, the occasion being the Worthy Patrons' anniversary. The officers presented Mr. Burkhardt with a very beautiful card table, which will add much pleasure to his bridge game.

The Chapter meeting of September 20 was designated as Friendship night, at which nine officers and members were hosts to their invited guests. Seated in the East were Miss Hildur Carlson, Worthy Matron of South Gate Chapter, the special guest of Mabel Johnston, Worthy Matron, Col Robert A. Miller, First Worthy Grand Patron of Oregon, and Enoch Carlson, Worthy Patron of South Gate Chapter, the special guests of Mr. A. Burkhardt, Worthy Patrons, and several Matrons and Patrons of the city.

Following the meeting, the members and visitors enjoyed a playlet, entitled "Two Tables of Bridge" presented by the Rosebud girls. The dining room, in charge of Mrs. Eva Pollitt, Mrs. Lulu Oster and Miss Eva Peterson, was beautifully decorated in fall flowers and attractive favors were given each guest.

Mr. Tabor No. 42, A. F. & A. M., James Cain, Worshipful Master, entertained the officers and members of Rose City Chapter, September 25, with a splendid program of motion pictures and music, followed by refreshments. This entertainment of the Chapter by Mr. Tabor Lodge is always one of the outstanding and happy events of the year.

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# DAUGHTERS OF NILE INSTALL MRS. SMITH AS SUPREME BANKER

The first fall meeting of Nydia Temple No. 4 was held September 4 at the Masonic Temple, with a large membership in attendance. Mrs. W. R. Millar, assisted by the Alameda Sewing Unit, arranged and served the luncheon.

During the afternoon Mrs. Franklin E. Smith was duly installed as Supreme Banker of the Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile, with Mrs. A. H. Lea, Past Supreme Queen, acting as installing Queen; Mrs. Chester A. Sheppard, Past Supreme Chaplain, Chaplain; and Mrs. J. R. Tichoff, Past Queen of Nydia Temple, as Marshal.

The reports of the Queen, Lucile Hood, and Princess Royal, Bernice Jennings, in the highlights of the Supreme Session were very interesting.

Mrs. Hood, with several of her officers, paid an official visit to the Astoria Daughters of the Nile Club September 17. They were entertained at the Ocean House at Gearhart for luncheon, after which a business meeting was held. Later Mrs. Hood accompanied Mrs. Margaret Prouty, Nydia Temple's Chaplain, to Seaside for an overnight stay before proceeding to Tillamook the next day to visit the sewing unit there.

Dallas Sewing Unit has invited Queen Lucile Hood to visit them October 10. Mrs. Hood will be accompanied by Mrs. Charles A. Custer, Mrs. Fred O. Jennings, Princess Royal, and Mrs. Albert H. Trego, Bankers. Mrs. Custer, Mrs. C. A. Hood and Nydia Temple's Queen will meet October 16 with the Eugene Daughters of the Nile Club for luncheon. In the evening they will go to Roseburg for dinner and the following day they have been invited to Corvallis.

For the meeting of October 2 an interesting program has been arranged. A featured review of the laws passed at the Supreme Session will be given by the jurisprudence committee. Mrs. R. A. Inlay, Princess Zuleika, will give a talk on "The Evolution of a Princess," and Mrs. William H. Braeger, accompanied by Mrs. R. W. Maris, will entertain the membership with a savoyphone solo.

# O. E. S. ACTIVITIES ARE RESUMED AFTER SUMMER VACATION

Many Interesting Events Have  
Been Planned for the Fall  
and Winter

With vacations over Eastern Star activities started off briskly with many interesting things planned for the fall.

A surprise party for Hazel L. Boyce, secretary of the Associate Matrons Club, was given Wednesday, September 4, by Essie Butler, Worthy Matron of Mt. Hood Chapter.

Thursday evening, September 5, was Advance night at Temple Chapter, with Mable A. Culer, Associate Matron, and George Derr, presiding during conferring of degrees. After the meeting refreshments were served in their Temple dining room, which was beautifully decorated in honor of the visiting associates.

The first September visitation was at Mizpah Chapter No. 30, St. Helens, Tuesday evening, September 10. Jack Glaisyer, W. G. M., Milo B. Mack, Associate Grand Patron, and Nellie McKinley, Grand Secretary, were present. Each spoke a few words and the Grand Secretary gave an interesting account of the trip made from Portland to St. Helens on the steamboat Kellogg when Mizpah Chapter was instituted many years ago.

The Associate Matrons and Patrons Clubs helped to celebrate, Tuesday evening, September 12, the wedding anniversary of Marie and Charles Bickner, Associate Matron and Associate Patron of Waluga Chapter. The occasion was one of much merriment when the associates staged a mock wedding, with Mr. and Mrs. Bickner as the principals.

The Associate Matrons had their regular monthly meeting and luncheon at the Mallory Hotel Saturday afternoon, September 21, with arrangements in charge of Josephine Barnick, assisted by Gladys Lehman and Marie Mathsen.

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The second annual Masonic dance and card party, in honor of the Grand Master and his official family, will be held Friday, October 11, in the Masonic Temple. It will be an informal affair.

Three floors of the Temple will be used for the entertainment of the members of the Craft and their partners. There will be dancing on the third floor and the main floor and card tables will be available on the second floor.

Last year's party was such a great success that Brother J. O. Freck, chairman of the committee on arrangements, is making ready for an even greater number of guests on October 11. Only one lady may accompany a member, and admission will be by 1935 cards. Brethren from out of town with their partners will be given a cordial welcome.

A grand reception will be held by the grand officers and their wives on the main floor from 8 to 8:45 P. M. During the reception it is planned to have the bands of the rival college teams, the University of California and the University of Oregon, give a band concert. This Brother Freck says will be a very peppy affair. At 9 o'clock will be the official reception of the Grand Lodge officers and their wives, escorted by all Worshipful Masters and their wives.

Immediately after the grand march, directed by Brother Robert Krohn, to the music of the combined bands of the two universities, dancing will begin on the first and third floors.

A red carnation in the buttonhole will mark the Masters and Wardens on this occasion. Tylers from the various lodges will be at the doors to see that only Masons and their partners are admitted.

## LET'S GET ACQUAINTED CLUB OPENS SESSIONS

At the first of the fall meetings of the Let's Get Acquainted Club of Clackamas county held Tuesday evening, September 10, at Milvaukie, W. Bro. Thias, W. M., and his corps of hand-shakers were kept busy welcoming the visitors. There was a large attendance, every Lodge in the county being well represented. Champco's Worshipful Master, Bro. Sucher, was in California but that didn't keep his boys at home.

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Many of the Portland Lodges were represented as well.

Among the distinguished guests of the evening were: Bro. F. W. Knoll, W. G. Sword Bearer; A. Ray Kellog, W. G. Standard Bearer; Ernest P. Rands, D. D. G. M. District No. 3, and Walter H. Brown, D. D. G. M. District No. 8.

A fine program of piano and accordion numbers was presented, while the talks were of the impromptu variety. Then to the dining room for watermelon in helpings that would make a darkey's eyes pop.

The next meeting is slated for October 24, with Molalla No. 178 at Molalla. W. Bro. Buxton, W. M., has promised us a venison feed—if the venison is willing. Better come along and get acquainted.

## SEAL OF SOLOMON DESIGN DISCOVERED UPON WHITE HOUSE

Repairs to the White House in Washington, D. C., this summer, disclosed the ancient design called the "Seal of Solomon" or "Shield of David" carved



(Courtesy Masonic Temple)  
SEAL OF SOLOMON

on the base of one of the keystones of the arches under the floor of the north portion of the President's dwelling.

How this design came to be placed (Continued on page 20)

## NECO CLUB TEAM CONFERS DEGREE ON FELLOW WORKER

Park Rose No. 179 Begins Fall Activities Under Favorable Auspices

Refreshed by a two months' vacation from Lodge activities, W. Brother R. D. Palmer, W. M. of Park Rose No. 179, began his fall term with plenty of the spirit that makes Masonry. In order to take care of the evening's program, the Lodge opened at 7:30 P. M.

The Neco Masonic Club, composed of employees of the Northwestern Electric Company, sent a large delegation to confer the M. M. degree upon Floyd J. McClure. The team work was under the direction of R. B. Olden, W. M., and the degree was most impressively conferred. Brother McClure was then presented with a Masonic pin from members of the Neco club. The following Neco club members took parts in the degree: R. K. Durlheimer, P. S. Grutze, R. F. Hamilton, E. R. Nelson, Ray Hansen, Hubert Millay, F. F. Walrod, Ray L. Stout, Leonard Kistler, David L. Hiatt, Miles Perry, Rollo Ellis, C. E. Dunavon, J. G. Olsen and R. B. Olden.

The large attendance was very encouraging to Bro. Palmer, who has been devoting considerable time and thought to giving the Lodge something different every meeting night; and he does it. The fall meetings are well planned to give plenty of real enjoyment and it is expected to have a large increase in attendance. Bro. Wallace Spence, D. D. G. M., was also in attendance to help the evening along.

Refreshments were served after the meeting and the Stewards were kept busy until a late hour. The Lodge meets the second and fourth Mondays. Brethren are always welcome.

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## FLOWERS CARRIED ON 25-YEAR TOUR OF HOSPITAL BEDS

Bro. Tom Shallenberger Brings Good Cheer to Shut-Ins of Des Moines, Iowa

Brother Tom Shallenberger of Des Moines, Ia., in 25 years has visited 15,000 sick persons, making an estimated total of 30,000 calls. Tom is 85 and has not had an ache or a pain since his attack of appendicitis four years before the Civil war. He always brings flowers to those on whom he calls in summer and fruit in the winter. The flowers he grows in his own backyard.

The Des Moines Tribune, with its quarter million circulation, puts the account of this volunteer bearer of cheer on its first page, and accompanying illustrations show, as the hero of the piece, a kindly faced little man, with a huge mustache, a strong chin, a powerful nose and a general air of trustworthiness.

The groundwork for Tom's visits to the hospitals is provided by the lists of Masons and Eastern Stars on the hospital files, but he does not confine himself to these patients.

"My flowers are my own—not being limited by a committee—and if I see some little girl in the hospital corridor or in a room there who looks as if she'd like flowers, I'm free to give them to her," says Tom in his smilingly positive way.

The journeys of love and good will started 25 years ago, when Tom called on a brother Mason in a hospital and found the room full of flowers.

"I told him all he lacked for a funeral was a casket," Tom chuckled.

The sick Mason told his friend of a girl of 14 down the hall who had been in the hospital seven weeks and had had no visitors but the nurses. The little girl patient cried with joy when Tom took his brother Mason's bouquets to her.

Then the great idea was born. There must be many others in the hospital without friends to visit them. There must be out-of-town Masons among them.

So Tom induced the hospital officials to include the lodge affiliations of pa-

tients in the admittance records, and the 25-year pilgrimage was started.

Tom's acquaintance has spread all over the state by his dropping in to cheer up persons he had never heard of. Once he received a cablegram from Hawaii from an utter stranger, asking him to visit a man and his wife sick in a local hotel.

"I went," said Tom, "and I am glad I did, for they are nice people, and we are good friends now."

"I have a few rules," he continued, "which I use generally in my room-to-room visits in the hospitals, but they are not set. I never mention their being sick. I never ask what's the matter with them. Once in a while I lie a little bit to them—if they appear especially downcast."

## SHINING KITCHEN GIVES SOUTH GATE GREAT PLEASURE

It seems as if the spirit of harmony and cooperation in South Gate No. 182 never slackens, even during the months of summer vacation. A striking example of this was evident when the Lodge opened for the first stated in September. Where a partially renovated kitchen had been at the time of the last meeting in June there was exposed to the admiration of all a gleaming white culinary department which made the Deacons and Wardens wonder if it would not be advancement to return to the Steward's stations again. While no one takes credit for this change it must be said that it is due to the joint efforts of South Gate Lodge and South Gate Chapter No. 149, O. E. S.

According to what seems to be coming a custom at South Gate three new petitions were received at the first stated in September, making 15 new petitions this year. This is very gratifying to all the membership and especially to W. Bro. Bill Nunnenkamp, the popular and hardworking Worshipful Master. Incidentally there will be plenty of work in store for the officers during the remainder of the year.

At the October stated a program of unusual interest is being prepared and visiting members are welcome. It has been a pleasure to see so many visitors at South Gate and the Lodge appreciates and enjoys these visitations.

## ALBERT PIKE LODGE TO PUT ON FAMILY NIGHT OCTOBER 4

Program of Entertainment Being Prepared by Brother David Foulkes, Chairman

Another "family night" entertainment, patterned after the highly successful event which closed the Lodge's spring season of social activity, was announced by D. Frank Bowder, Master of Albert Pike No. 162, at the regular business session of September 20.

Speaking for the chairman of the entertainment committee, Bro. David Foulkes, who was enjoying the cool sea breezes at the Clatsop county beaches and was unable to be present at the meeting, W. Bro. Bowder stated that a program of high class entertainment would be scheduled for the Lodge hall on the evening of Friday, October 4, followed by refreshments and a social hour in the dining room. The family night programs have drawn the largest attendance of any Lodge functions during the past few years and it is anticipated that the more elaborate preparations being made for the October date will see a new record.

Indications are that the Lodge will also be quite active in ritualistic work during the fall season as well as along social lines. Owing to the fact that the September business meeting was the first gathering after the summer vacation the Master was unable to make a definite announcement as to the dates of special meetings for the conferring of degrees, but a number of candidates are in waiting and few dark nights are likely within the near future.

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### MALTA NO. 4 ELECTS SIR E. L. LENNOX, K. T. COMMANDER

Commandery at Ashland Starts  
Off New Year With Elec-  
tion and Installation

At the election held by Malta Com-  
mandery No. 4, Knights Templar, at  
Ashland, September 4, Sir E. L. Lennox  
of Medford was elected Commander.  
Other officers for the ensuing year are:  
M. W. Grubb of Ashland, Generalissimo;  
E. T. Newbury of Talent, Captain  
General; G. B. Alden of Medford, Senior  
Warden; G. W. Dunn of Ashland,  
Junior Warden; G. W. Dunn of Ashland,  
Treasurer; W. H. Day of Ash-  
land, Recorder.

Announcement was made of the ap-  
pointive officers follows: A. G. Bishop  
of Medford, Prelate; E. C. Riegel of  
Ashland, Standard Bearer; R. R. Ebel  
of Medford, Sword Bearer; J. H. Rol-  
son of Medford, Warder; W. F.  
Loomis of Ashland, Sentinel.

At the installation, held Wednesday,  
September 18, Sir G. W. Dunn, P. G.  
C., was the installing officer. In ac-  
cordance with custom and as a tribute  
of appreciation the retiring Commander,  
Sir R. L. Burdick, was presented with  
the shoulder straps of a Past Comm-  
ander.

Light refreshments were served at the  
closing of the ceremonies.

At the beginning of the Templar year  
the Commandery's status was as fol-  
lows: Membership September 1, 1934,  
188. Knighted, 13; reinstated, 3.  
Dropped from the rolls, 17; died, 1.  
Membership September 1, 1935, 186.

### HILLAH TEMPLE BACKS SHOW TO RAISE FUNDS

During the first week in September  
Hillah Temple, A. A. O. M. S., staged  
a carnival attraction for the benefit of  
its patrol in Medford. Financial re-  
turns were merely fair. The show was  
held at the fair grounds. The same  
attraction gave a week's entertainment  
at Klamath Falls, for the benefit of the  
Temple's drum corps, netting for that  
Shrine unit \$600.

Hillah Temple's fall ceremonial will  
be held at Ashland Friday, November  
16, with Potentate John C. Thompson,  
of Medford, heading the divan.

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#### Seal of Solomon

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there or at whose order the carving was  
made is a mystery, although tradition  
has associated Masonic ceremonies with  
the building of the mansion, and it is a  
matter of speculation whether this carv-  
ing was made when the foundation was  
built or at the time of restoration after  
the burning of the building in 1814.

The device in the center of a star  
formed of two triangles, which looks  
something like the letter "n" with a  
small character at the upper right cor-  
ner, says a bulletin of the Masonic Ser-  
vice Association, is a Hebrew character  
representing one of the sacred names of  
deity, which the ancient Jews were for-  
bidden to pronounce. The inscription of  
the sacred name within the triangle was  
supposed by them to give to the design  
certain talismanic powers, such as safe-  
guarding their houses from fire, and, if  
carried on the person, to prevent wounds  
in battle.

Belief that the design was a protec-  
tion against fire or other damage to a  
building led to its general use. It has  
been found in India, in Barbary and  
throughout Europe, where it appears on  
medallions, and in churches, where it is  
carved on walls or painted on windows.  
It may be that some Chapter Mason  
had in mind a protection for the White  
House from flames when he carved the  
design on the keystone.

The "Seal of Solomon" is one of the  
hundreds of symbols of story and legend  
which Masonry has adopted.

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### FOUR GROTTOS TO JOIN IN CEREMONIAL WITH GUL REAZEE

November 30 Fixed as the Date  
When One Hundred Candi-  
dates Will Be Initiated

By GEORGE WEATHERHEAD

Gul Reazee Grotto will stage one of  
the biggest ceremonials in the history of  
the local organization November 30.  
This was decided upon at the monthly  
meeting held September 23. It is ex-  
pected that more than 100 candidates  
will be initiated.

Grottoes joining Gul Reazee in this  
big event will be those at Seattle, Taco-  
ma and Yakima. Seattle and Tacoma  
Grottoes were represented at the meet-  
ing here by E. P. Houghton of Tacoma,  
E. C. Collier, Chief Justice; D. J.  
Keating, Captain of Guard; Lee I.  
Newman, Secretary; George Middle-  
man, Marshal, and Frank Scott of An-  
gora Grotto, Seattle.

All of the visitors gave inspiring talks  
in behalf of the welfare of the Grotto,  
and assured the officers of Gul Reazee  
that the Grottoes they represent would  
be here for the ceremonial in full force.  
Tacoma Grotto will bring its brass  
band, as will probably the Grotto from  
Yakima. Ernest Bostock of Gul Reazee  
will have charge of the cast. The event  
will be started with a banquet, to be  
served at 6:30 P. M.

At the meeting held here the program  
of entertainment consisted of all Scotch  
numbers, with George C. Graham as  
master of ceremonies. These numbers  
included the Kilties band, Scotch songs  
and dances, which proved popular with  
the big audience. Following the pro-  
gram refreshments were served.

Norman A. Thompson, Monarch of  
Gul Reazee, appointed Prophets Joe  
Dunne, Ira Cobe and Bill Bowes, as a  
committee to make plans for Gul Reazee  
to take part in promoting a safety first  
automobile driving campaign. The com-  
mittee is to report at the October meet-  
ing.

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### ROSE CITY CHAPTER NO. 86, O. E. S., HOST TO MANY VISITORS

First Meeting After Vacation  
Brings Out Large Attendance  
— Surprise Party Given

The arrival of September brought to  
an end the vacation season and gave the  
signal for renewed Chapter activities  
and many social functions.

The first meeting of Rose City Chap-  
ter No. 86, O. E. S., September 6, was  
attended by many visitors from other  
states, and from Alaska, as well as a  
number from several cities in Oregon.  
All spoke briefly of their pleasure in  
visiting a Portland Chapter. After the  
meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

Rose City Chapter officers had a sur-  
prise party, Tuesday, September 17, the  
occasion being the Worthy Patron's an-  
niversary. The officers presented Mr.  
Burkhart with a very beautiful card  
table, which will add much pleasure to  
his bridge game.

The Chapter meeting of September  
20 was designated as Friendship night,  
at which time officers and members  
were hosts to their invited guests. Seated  
in the East were Miss Hildur Carlson,  
Worthy Matron of South Gate Chap-  
ter, the special guest of Mabel Johnston,  
Worthy Matron, Col Robert A. Miller,  
First Worthy Grand Patron of Ore-  
gon, and Enoch Carlson, Worthy Pa-  
tron of South Gate Chapter, the special  
guests of Mr. A. Burkhart, Worthy Pa-  
tron, and several Matrons and Patrons  
of the city.

Following the meeting, the members  
and visitors enjoyed a playlet, entitled  
"Two Tables of Bridge" presented by  
the Rosebud girls. The dining room,  
in charge of Mrs. Eva Pollitt, Mrs.  
Lulu Oster and Miss Eva Peterson, was  
beautifully decorated in fall flowers and  
attractive favors were given each guest.

Mr. Tabor No. 42, A. F. & A. M.,  
James Cain, Worshipful Master, enter-  
tained the officers and members of Rose  
City Chapter, September 23, with a  
splendid program of motion pictures and  
music, followed by refreshments. This  
entertainment of the Chapter by Mr.  
Tabor Lodge is always one of the out-  
standing and happy events of the year.

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ward a truer, deeper life beyond.

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### DAUGHTERS OF NILE INSTALL MRS. SMITH AS SUPREME BANKER

The first fall meeting of Nydia Tem-  
ple No. 4 was held September 4 at the  
Masonic Temple, with a large mem-  
bership in attendance. Mrs. W. R. Millar,  
assisted by the Alameda Sewing Unit,  
arranged and served the luncheon.

During the afternoon Mrs. Franklin  
E. Smith was duly installed as Supreme  
Banker of the Supreme Temple, Daugh-  
ters of the Nile, with Mrs. A. H. Lea,  
Past Supreme Queen, acting as instal-  
ling Queen; Mrs. Chester A. Sheppard,  
Past Supreme Chaplain, Chaplain; and  
Mrs. J. R. Tichoff, Past Queen of  
Nydia Temple, as Marshal.

The reports of the Queen, Lucile  
Hood, and Princess Royal, Bernice Jen-  
ning, in the highlights of the Supreme  
Session were very interesting.

Mrs. Hood, with several of her of-  
ficers, paid an official visit to the Astoria  
Daughters of the Nile Club September  
17. They were entertained at the Ocean  
House at Gearhart for luncheon, after  
which a business meeting was held.  
Later Mrs. Hood accompanied Mrs.  
Margaret Prouty, Nydia Temple's  
Chaplain, to Seaside for an overnight  
stay before proceeding to Tillamook the  
next day to visit the sewing unit there.

Dallas Sewing Unit has invited  
Queen Lucile Hood to visit them Octo-  
ber 10. Mrs. Hood will be accompanied  
by Mrs. Charles A. Cawter, Mrs. Fred  
O. Jennings, Princess Royal, and Mrs.  
Albert H. Trego, Banker. Mrs. Cas-  
ner, Mrs. C. A. Hood and Nydia Tem-  
ple's Queen will meet October 16 with  
the Eugene Daughters of the Nile Club  
for luncheon. In the evening they will  
go to Roseburg for dinner and the fol-  
lowing day they have been invited to  
Corvallis.

For the meeting of October 2 an in-  
teresting program has been arranged. A  
continued review of the laws passed at  
the Supreme Session will be given by  
the jurisprudence committee. Mrs. R.  
A. Inlay, Princess Zuleika, will give  
a talk on "The Evolution of a Princess."  
and Mrs. William H. Braeger, ac-  
companied by Mrs. R. W. Maris, will  
entertain the membership with a saxo-  
phone solo.

### O. E. S. ACTIVITIES ARE RESUMED AFTER SUMMER VACATION

Many Interesting Events Have  
Been Planned for the Fall  
and Winter

With vacations over Eastern Star ac-  
tivities started off briskly with many in-  
teresting things planned for the fall.

A surprise party for Hazel I. Boyce,  
secretary of the Associate Matrons  
Club, was given Wednesday, September  
4, by Essie Butler, Worthy Matron of  
Mt. Hood Chapter.

Thursday evening, September 5, was  
Advance night at Temple Chapter, with  
Mable A. Cofer, Associate Matron, and  
George Derr, presiding during confer-  
ring of degrees. After the meeting re-  
freshments were served in their Temple  
dining room, which was beautifully de-  
corated in honor of the visiting associates.

The first September visitation was at  
Mizpah Chapter No. 30, St. Helens,  
Tuesday evening, September 10. Iacq  
Glaisher, W. G. M., Milo B. Mack,  
Associate Grand Patron, and Nellie  
McKinley, Grand Secretary, were pres-  
ent. Each spoke a few words and the  
Grand Secretary gave an interesting ac-  
count of the trip made from Portland  
to St. Helens on the steamboat Kel-  
logg when Mizpah Chapter was insti-  
tuted many years ago.

The Associate Matrons and Patrons  
Clubs helped to celebrate, Tuesday eve-  
ning, September 12, the wedding anni-  
versary of Marie and Charles Bickner,  
Associate Matron and Associate Patron  
of Waluga Chapter. The occasion was  
one of much merriment when the as-  
sociates staged a mock wedding, with Mr.  
and Mrs. Bickner as the principals.

The Associate Matrons had their regu-  
lar monthly meeting and luncheon at  
the Mallory Hotel Saturday afternoon,  
September 21, with arrangements in  
charge of Josephine Barnick, assisted by  
Gladys Lehman and Marie Mathen.

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**Emeth**

Let's Not Engage  
With those who mean us harm  
Cameron M. Bailey  
Nov 18, 2024

Over on Facebook I just read a smear against our current Grand Master. A claim that he's done wrong, because he is somehow an evil guy.

I've known our current Grand Master for a really long time. I know that nothing at all could be further from the truth. But, claims of that sort are perceived to have power in our society today, so people seeking to do harm will unjustly use them in service of their own irrational goals.

Freemasonry is an organization with rules. With a code of honor. With obligations. We demand certain behaviors, and we police ourselves.

As a first resort, we whisper good counsel to an erring Brother. We attempt to convince him to reform himself. Indeed this is what we are called upon to do.

But, sometimes it doesn't work.

Sometimes serious measures must be taken. At their most extreme, these are suspension or expulsion from our Craft.

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In my Jurisdiction, and I presume in most Regular Jurisdictions, it is actually really hard to be suspended or expelled. You've got to do something mighty egregious to have such discipline meted out. And that's a good thing. We shouldn't be throwing men out of Freemasonry willy nilly.

So, usually the men who face these punishments understand them, and go quietly.

But, not always.

Sometimes they lash out. Irrationally and publicly. Blaming others for their own unacceptable actions. I've seen three different men react that way in recent years. Attacking Freemasonry, and its leadership instead of reflecting on their own actions.

That's certainly the case with the latest smear I read from a suspended Mason today.

And when this happens on Social Media, often Brothers will try to engage with the suspended or expelled Mason. To attempt to, I presume, convince him to see the error of his ways.

That engagement seems to never bring about the results sought. Rather it seems to always make the problem worse by fueling the irrational fire.

When a man is suspended or expelled, he is no longer a fellow Freemason. Our obligation to whisper wise counsel no longer exists. We are, in my view, much better off no longer engaging with him in any way that touches upon Freemasonry.

That removes his platform to continue spreading hate and discontent. By not engaging we are helping to protect the reputation of our Craft.

And maybe, just maybe, if we ignore the irrational rants of our former Brothers, they will allow the flames of their anger to slowly die down. If that happens, perhaps they can begin the important work of self reflection and self reformation.

Thank you for reading!  
MW Cameron M. Bailey, Past Grand Master



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Two Things  
Cameron M. Bailey  
Dec 2, 2024

Saturday I had a Day of Freemasonry.

In the morning, I drove with a bunch of Masons from my town, about an hour south, to a Fellowcraft Degree in Kelso.

Then some of us, along with some of the Kelso guys, spent the afternoon at my house, enjoying food, drink, and each other's company.

In the evening we all went to Centralia Lodge, and put on an Entered Apprentice Degree.

Two things happened that I want to relate here. Both, I think, we would do well to contemplate, because both can indicate either a struggling future for our Craft, or a bright future for our Craft.

One of the fellows I traveled to Kelso with (so we had about 2 hours in the car together) is new to Freemasonry. He's been a Mason for a couple of years. But, he's an older gentleman. I'd guess in his mid to late 70's.

He told me that he is probably going to stop coming to Lodge.

He wants to remain a Freemason, but he doesn't want to actually sit in Lodge anymore.

Because in his view, he receives no meaningful education about Freemasonry in his Lodge. His Lodge has no meaningful discussions about important topics, Masonic topics, philosophical topics, or educational topics.

Rather, in his view, all his Lodge ever talks about is bills, debit cards, event planning, &c. It also spends, in his view, an inordinate amount of time at each meeting trying to fire up Zoom for the one or two guys who want to join in via Zoom. That he isn't against Zoom, but he's against Zoom in its present form, because his Lodge won't invest in the proper technology to use it well, nor set up and test the technology it does have prior to the start of the Stated Meeting, leading to very long delays each meeting.

So, here's a guy who has been really active in Lodge, and who wants to be really active in Lodge, but is likely to drop out of his Lodge.

I set up the Entered Apprentice Degree that we performed on Saturday evening.

Without trying to sound like a complete ass, one benefit of being a Past Grand Master is that if I'm asked to set up a Degree, it'll sure as heck be run how I want it to be run.

As a result of that, the Degree was performed with the lights dimmed.

It is my view that Freemasonry is sacred. That Freemasons build sacred space when our Lodges are ritualistically opened. And that our Degrees are the most sacred thing our Lodges do.

And it is my view that dim lighting adds to feelings of sacredness.

So, I dimmed the lights. We had the altar light on, a light behind the East, and dim indirect lighting from overhead.

Brothers complained about the fact that the lights were dim. What they vocally called for was the overhead indirect lighting to be 'on high' and the direct overhead lighting to be on as well. They wanted it lit up like a modern office building. And 99% of the time, whenever this Lodge meets, it is lit up like a modern office building.

Despite the vocalized complaints, the lights were kept dim.

But, here's what I notice from that: Those who wanted the lights to be cranked up as high as they can go were all men who have been Masons for decades and decades. The newer Masons, regardless of their age, are keen to have the lights dim. Keen to try and create feelings of sacredness within the Temple.

The choice is ours, and the choice is sitting there in front of us to make.

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We can either give the men joining our Lodges today the high quality, sacred experiences they are seeking; we can give them Legendary Freemasonry. Or we can continue watching as our numbers decline and our Craft slowly dies.

These two little incidents from Saturday illustrate this choice really well in my mind.

I hope we choose wisely.

Thank you for reading!

MW Cameron M. Bailey, Past Grand Master

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Crafting Personal Maxims

Do we? Should we?

Cameron M. Bailey

Dec 1, 2024

My online dictionary defines the word 'Maxim' as:

"a general truth, fundamental principle, or rule of conduct"

Perhaps the most famous collection of personal maxims were those written by Marcus Aurelius, his Meditations. I'm really enjoying reading that collection now.

But, he's certainly not the only fellow who crafted maxims to live by.

George Washington wrote out his Rules of Civility, copied in his early years from older works.

Benjamin Franklin displayed a particular skill at turning a good phrase with the many maxims he published.

So I wonder, as I'm reading the pagan Pope,<sup>1</sup> would it be a healthy exercise for us to write out our own personal maxims? Our own personal codes of conduct?

In order to have something truly concrete to contemplate as we face life's challenges.

Thank you for reading!

MW Cameron M. Bailey, Past Grand Master

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Don't Be A Dick

Words Count

Cameron M. Bailey

Apr 15, 2024

There are a lot of things that I'm really bad at. Lucky for me, that's balanced out by a few things that I'm good at. But today, let's focus on a couple of the bad.

Spelling and Grammar.

Damn I'm bad at both those things.

I wish that I could spell, and spell well, but I can't. I've never been able to do so. Thank God for a fellow named Ralph Gorin who in 1971 invented the Spell Checker as we understand it today. If not for him, this post would be filled with gobbledygook.

The other thing is grammar. But I don't look at grammar the same way as I look at spelling. I know that I don't have good grammar, but I don't care. If those who read my words can understand my words, and find them persuasive, I've done what I set out to do. Grammar rules be damned. Indeed, long ago I took a course in persuasive writing, and one thing I learned in that course was to throw out grammar if one can make more impact without it.



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So, those are my things.

And they make my writing less than perfect.

And sometimes people point out my boneheaded mistakes.

That doesn't bother me. After working my entire adult life in partisan politics, I've got a mighty thick skin. I've also helped win a great many elections with my writing, helped get grants with my writing, and helped set public policy with my writing. This tells me that my writing is good at what it does, no matter what any critic says.

Tell me I suck. I don't care.

But, most people aren't me. Most people don't have as thick of skin as I do. And most people haven't spent years and years writing successfully in odd little niches.

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Our great Brother and President, Teddy Roosevelt famously said:

"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

—Theodore Roosevelt

Speech at the Sorbonne, Paris, April 23, 1910

I was reminded of that quote this morning when I noticed a Mason post a flippant disparaging remark about a typo in an essay written by another Mason. It really got to me. Especially since I know both of these Masons well, and consider them both friends.

The remark indicated that there was a typo early in the essay. (There was.) And the remarker wrote that he didn't bother reading any further because of it.

Dick move.

I read the entire essay. In fact, I posted a couple links into it in various places. It contained nothing of substance anyone could reasonably disagree with, and it addressed a topic that has been of some concern in my Masonic Jurisdiction through the years.

But here's the thing...

As I mentioned before, most people aren't me.

Most people who write about Freemasonry don't have a great deal of experience writing for general consumption. They are nervous about how their writing will be received. The whole act of putting it out there before the world is nerve wracking and scary. They lack confidence in writing, because they don't have extensive experience writing.

And then some random Mason comes along to drive a knife into their back.

I watched this same thing happen before, to another Mason. Early this past winter.

This Mason started writing quite a lot about his experiences with the Craft, what we do well, and where we can improve. He was putting a lot of good ideas out there, participating in online Masonic discussions, the whole bit.

Then he made a post that was worded inelegantly. It didn't quite convey what he wanted to convey, and it was easy to distort his words into saying something that they weren't saying.

And some Mason made some hurtful remark about it.

This budding Masonic writer, with extensive Masonic experience in two quite different Jurisdictions hasn't written a darn thing about Masonry since.

That's a terrible loss for our Craft.

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And it's a loss that we suffered because some random Mason decided it was better to look like a know it all on the internet than practice Brotherly Love.

This kind of garbage, this hyper criticism of the efforts of our Brothers does nothing to help our Craft. Indeed it does tremendous damage.

We need to think before we post hurtful nonsense on the internet.

Who the hell cares if some poor Mason, who's just trying to get his thoughts about Masonry out there makes a typo in his essay, if the message behind the essay is in keeping with the ideals of Freemasonry? Is that five second dopamine hit we get from posting something mean online worth hurting our Brother? We can do better.

Thank you for reading!

MW Cameron M. Bailey, Past Grand Master  
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### **Note from the West:**

I think that a little bit of history is good medicine for the soul. It reminds us that we are placed on that continuous fabric called time. And what we do every moment, changes that fabric permanently. Memorial Day is a good day to contemplate those who have given their lives so that we may prosper.

#### **Berryman Jennings—**

##### **First Grand Master of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Masons in Oregon**

Berryman Jennings was born at Jessamine County, Kentucky on or about June 16, 1807. At the age 19, Jennings moved from Kentucky to Commerce, Illinois, a small town on the east bank of the Mississippi River. At the time of Jennings' residence in Commerce, there was a settlement on the west side of the Mississippi referred to as Half Breed where, in 1830, Jennings opened the first school and taught in a log cabin school. For his pay he was allowed to study in the library of a Dr. Galland. He was initiated into the Masonic Fraternity in Des Moines Lodge #1 of the Grand Lodge of Iowa by their first Grand Master, Oliver Cook on August 18, 1845. In 1847, at the age of 40, Jennings made the journey to Oregon on an emigrant wagon train. His wife died enroute near Boise, Idaho, and he was left with a small child. After arriving in Oregon City, Jennings quickly became associated with Lot Whitcomb and Samuel White and their steamboat enterprises. Whitcomb and White sailed to San Francisco on a packet—predecessors to steamboats to acquire the engine, boiler and other parts necessary for completion of their hull. While in California, Whitcomb and White met a man who was to become another famous Mason and Portland Builder, Captain J.C. Ainsworth, who was commanding a steamer on the Sacramento River. Whitcomb and White persuaded Ainsworth to come to Oregon to command their boat for a healthy \$300 per month.

Jennings was in Oregon City when the Masonic Charter arrived from Missouri. It authorized the creation of Multnomah Lodge #84 of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. This lodge commenced its operation on September 11, 1848. Barryman Jennings next appeared in Sacramento California, where he affiliated with a Masonic lodge. The Grand Lodge of California granted a charter to Berryman Lodge #4, which was subsequently re-named Jennings Lodge #4. Soon after, Jennings returned to Oregon City and resumed his Masonic membership in Oregon. He was elected Grand Master in Oregon and served in 1851 and 1852 but declined to serve a third term.

Berryman Jennings was a member of the Oregon Legislature in 1860 and served as Registrar of the U. S. Land Office. In 1870, the U.S. Census lists Berryman Jennings' profession as "huckster"—a person who sells small items door-to-door, in a cart or in a small store. The story is that when the Census Taker visited the Barryman home, the only person there was Barryman's child, now a young adult, who saw the opportunity for a prank that would live in history forever. We have no record that the prank was ever discovered by the family.

Jennings died on December 22, 1888 at the age of 81. After his death, the north half of the Berryman Jennings Donation Land Claim was given to his daughter, Addie C. Hodgkin, and her husband Frank. Together, Addie and Frank platted the Oregon City Masonic Lodge in 1903.

#### **Now advance the clock forward about a century and listen to the rest of the story:**

In 2015, Garry Leinhard, a good Mason and friend of mine, was walking his dog in a cemetery that was close to his home. He noticed that there were Masonic symbols on several monuments in a certain area. He explored the area and discovered the monument for Barryman Jennings, Oregon's first Grand Master. He related this information to others in his lodge. Another member of Portland #55, Ken Hall, discovered an article in a Research Lodge Book, Volume #4, page 387 stating: "The Grand Lodge, each year on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, reverently places a wreath upon his [Barryman Jennings's] grave in fraternal remembrance." It was apparent that this ceremony was not occurring, so Garry contacted the sitting Grand Master, MWB Don Stapleton. It was arranged that on May 30<sup>th</sup> of 2016, this ceremony would occur. Unfortunately, on the evening of May 29<sup>th</sup>, Garry had a cardiac crisis and passed to that House not made with hands. The following morning, Garry's wife Jean, literally left her husband's bedside, picked up the wreath they had ordered to be made, and delivered it to the Cemetery so the ceremony could proceed.

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This ceremony has been continued.

This year I had the great privilege of attending the ceremony. On May 30, a small group gathered at the Greenwood Hills Cemetery and our Grand Master MWB James Morgan placed a wreath at graveside.



**Finally** I can get to the point I wanted to make:

Next year May 30<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday. Members of this lodge who enjoy celebrating the history of our organization should mark their calendars and attend. It is an opportunity to celebrate our history, and to meet, in a more informal setting, other Masons who are dedicated to the preservation and celebration of the history of Oregon Masonry.

Is not the study of our past an enjoyable pursuit?

WB Dan



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**FORTY YEARS TOO LATE**

BY FRED H. KRUGER

WHY DIDN'T SOME BROTHER BRING ME THE LIGHT  
CONCERNING THE BEAUTIES OF THE SCOTTISH RITE  
WHEN I WAS JUST STARTIN' OUT  
AND DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT?

WHY DIDN'T SOMEONE TELL ME THE SCORE  
WAY BACK YONDER, FORTY YEARS BEFORE?

NOW, I'M A MEMBER, AT THE PRESENT DATE  
WAY BEHIND TIME . . . . . *FORTY YEARS TOO LATE.*

"THE SADDEST WORDS OF TONGUE AND PEN"  
ARE SAID TO BE "IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN".

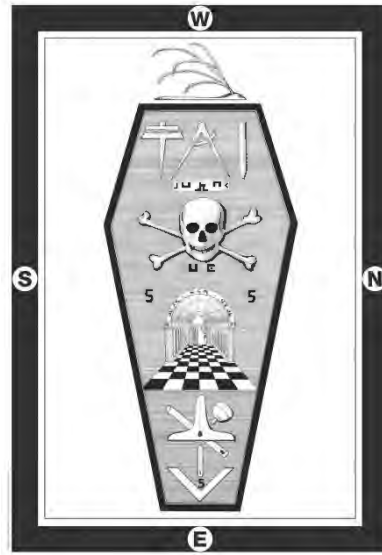
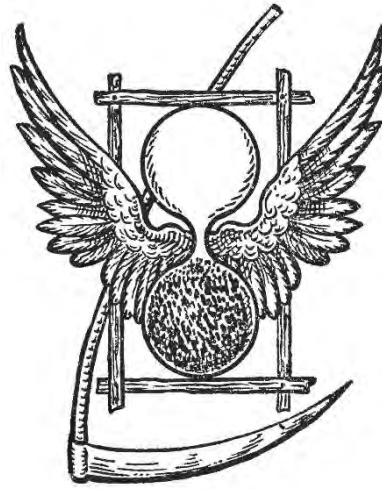
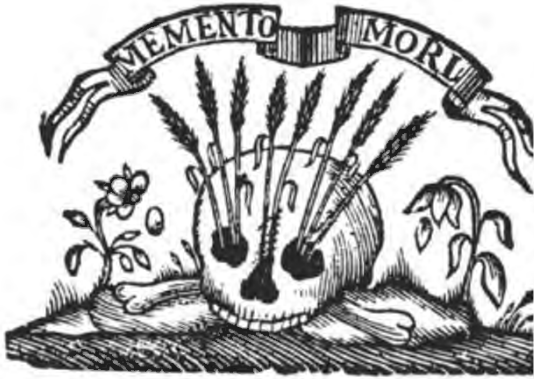
GOD SO DECREED MY LIFE FOR ME,  
AND I'M CONTENT TO LET IT BE.  
I'LL NEVER CRY OVER MILK THAT'S SPILLED  
THE CUP'S STILL HERE TO BE RE-FILLED.

I'LL MAKE THINGS COUNT AT THIS LATE DATE,  
THOUGH WAY BEHIND . . . . . *FORTY YEARS TOO LATE.*

THE LESSON TO BE DRAWN HEREFROM  
IS JUST A PLAIN AND SIMPLE ONE:

GO TELL OUR BROTHER OF THE THIRD DEGREE  
THE MASONIC WORTH OF THE CON-SIS-TORY.

HE'LL THANK YOU EVERY DAY YOU LIVE,  
WHEN HE ENJOYS THE BLESSINGS IT HAS TO GIVE,  
AND YOU'LL SAVE HIM FROM MY SADDENED FATE,  
OF JOINING THIS ORDER . . . . .  
*FORTY YEARS TOO LATE.*



"EVERYONE IS AFRAID OF DEATH, BUT THE WISE JUST LAUGH. WHAT STRIKES THE OYSTER SHELL DOES NOT DAMAGE THE PEARL." - MEVLANA JELALLUDIN RUMI



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*Written by WB Leo M Schuman, and first presented to the Research Lodge of Oregon, No. 198 AF&AM of Oregon. February 15, 2020.*

I am going to die. Eventually, sooner or later. Likely somewhere in my mid-80s, if my parents are any indication. Later than some, sooner than others. You, too. You are going to die. And, you. We all are. This is all obvious, of course. So obvious that we tend to forget that, along with birth and breathing, death is perhaps the one, single, inescapable fact shared by every living being. I'd add sunlight to this list of inescapable facts, but some of us are born, live a few hours, and die, all in the dark. Perhaps gravity could go on this list but, someday at least, we'll be born and die in space, so I'd have to abandon all hope in humanity to add gravity to these facts, and I'd rather not do that. At least not yet.

But death? Yes. It's on the list of inescapable facts. For all of us, at some point, our heart will stop throbbing. Our pancreas will quit seeping hormones into the blood suddenly cooling and thickening in our veins. The electro-chemical flickering along our long fibrous nerve strands will fade to black inside quickly stiffening muscle tissue. And, as all this dying proceeds statefully towards decomposition and decay, the waves animating our brain since the days of our mother's womb will slowly settle into a long, flat, still, quiet plane of ... what? Nobody knows. Not with any objective certainty. So, where then exactly will any of us be, as all the inevitable outcomes of organic material existence make their final impact on these suits we wear? Who am "I," anyhow? A suit?

We humans like to speculate. Because ... well, is this all there is? Another meeting, another ritual, another meal, another poop, another month older. Dust and muskiness gathering up in our corners.

How is it that virtually every religious culture known to humanity contemplates life after death, in some form or another? Imagining us moving on to realms reigned over perhaps by Eshu, Osiris, Mictlantecuhli, Pana, Baron Samedi, Santa Muerte, Shinigami, Mannanan, Hades, Hel, Yama, Christ, Allah, the buddhic background field of reality ... the possibilities are quite literally endless, if all we have is naming God's names and telling some tales. Each of their own particularities, whether merciful, distant, or insane. So, I wonder: do the thousands of years of pervasive cultural fermentation represented by these ancient, and some not-so-ancient, cults teach us something ... true? Something we can expect. Something we can prepare for? Are thousands of years of varying religious teachings centered on one common belief - life after death - *evidence* of something? Does the historically pervasive nature of this question itself mean there must be an answer? Or, is belief in life after death

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itself just another sign of human weakness, in the face of the almighty microscope, as an atheist might claim?

Our own peculiar tradition, of course, responds to the inevitability of our ending from the very first step we take in Masonry. Upon entering apprenticeship we are handed a pure and spotless apron, and reminded of our future passage upward and inward through the gates. We are told that once our grasp has dropped its tools, and our remains are lain lifeless beneath the clods, and this apron we wear, then our trembling soul will stand naked and alone, to receive our portion. Naked. Alone.

Why do we do this to ourselves? It's good to laugh a bit here. Vent some of the dread we may feel - at least a bit, now and then - as we step closer to the cliff, peer over the edge, and take a taste of what Jean-Paul Sartre called the "nausea" of the existential void. The meaningless of it all, when we're unable to find our meaning. If we paper it all over with dramatic stories and creepy symbols, we can avoid thinking of the end in itself, right? The fact that we are going to die.

Then, once we've had that experience - maybe late at night, alone in bed, or maybe over and over and through the woods of some Hollywood horror show - we step back, perhaps with a bit of bread and cup of wine, to more deeply consider the wisdom human culture has passed on to us, centered on the inherently temporary nature of absolutely everything there is.

One of the classic rationales for remembering death - for "memento mori" - is that death reminds us to value our life. To value our "precious human birth," as the Buddhist would put it. If you were given a gift of money to use as you choose, but also told that at some hidden point it would all be taken away, what would you do with it? Would you invest it for some future purpose? Would you revel with it in the now? Maybe give it away freely, in search of your own freedom? Bury it safely in a hole? Stun yourself with chemicals to avoid thinking about it at all? If you were told that practicing certain morals and believing certain dogmas would assure you of an even bigger and better gift later, would you practice them? Even when it was hard? Would you still believe the dogmas, when the going got rough? Why?

As Master Masons, our elder brothers give us the chance to consider death, before we die. We've each been wrapped and buried below the sprig. The setting maul taught us it can happen at any moment. But, it didn't end there, at least not in our legend. By the lion's paw we rose again, and we were off to

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our next adventure. Whatever that might be, or have been. So, does this mean our lives are particles, or waves? In Sufi tradition, this teaching is taught by the common admonition to "die before you die." Remember man, thou art dust. Star dust. Slipping through the hourglass until we are gone.

If the hour glass flips, though, and we are in fact coming back to some future life, as we are taught, in various ways, in various traditions, all of them equally speculative, then what exactly is it that has died? Have we changed? Has something been left behind? Where were we keeping it, whatever it was? We each hold a sense of ourselves within our mind, as we step through our lives. Of who we think we are, based on our bodies and our stories and our culture, and family, and friends. Yet, each human life is riddled with moments in which we learn just how wrong we are. When part of that image we hold dear, of who we think we are, dies and drops away. Perhaps replaced by something new. Perhaps replaced by nothing at all. Perhaps I was, but am no longer. So, what am I? Now?

Hu knows. What we do know, though, is that we are not alone in having this experience. As noted, one of the shared stories of Masonic culture is our death in the third degree. No matter how young or old we may be, we've all died, to something, at least once. And, we cannot pass any real time in this brotherhood, without witnessing the passing of our brothers, having tasted all they offered us in life. Were they living stone? What was the shape of their column when it broke? What incense did he burn upon his altar?

Having held both my father and my best friend's bodies in the moment that they died, this last image lingers most truly, for me. In each of these encounters, life slipped away like one last smokey wisp as a candle flickers out. Leaving me to wonder where it all went.

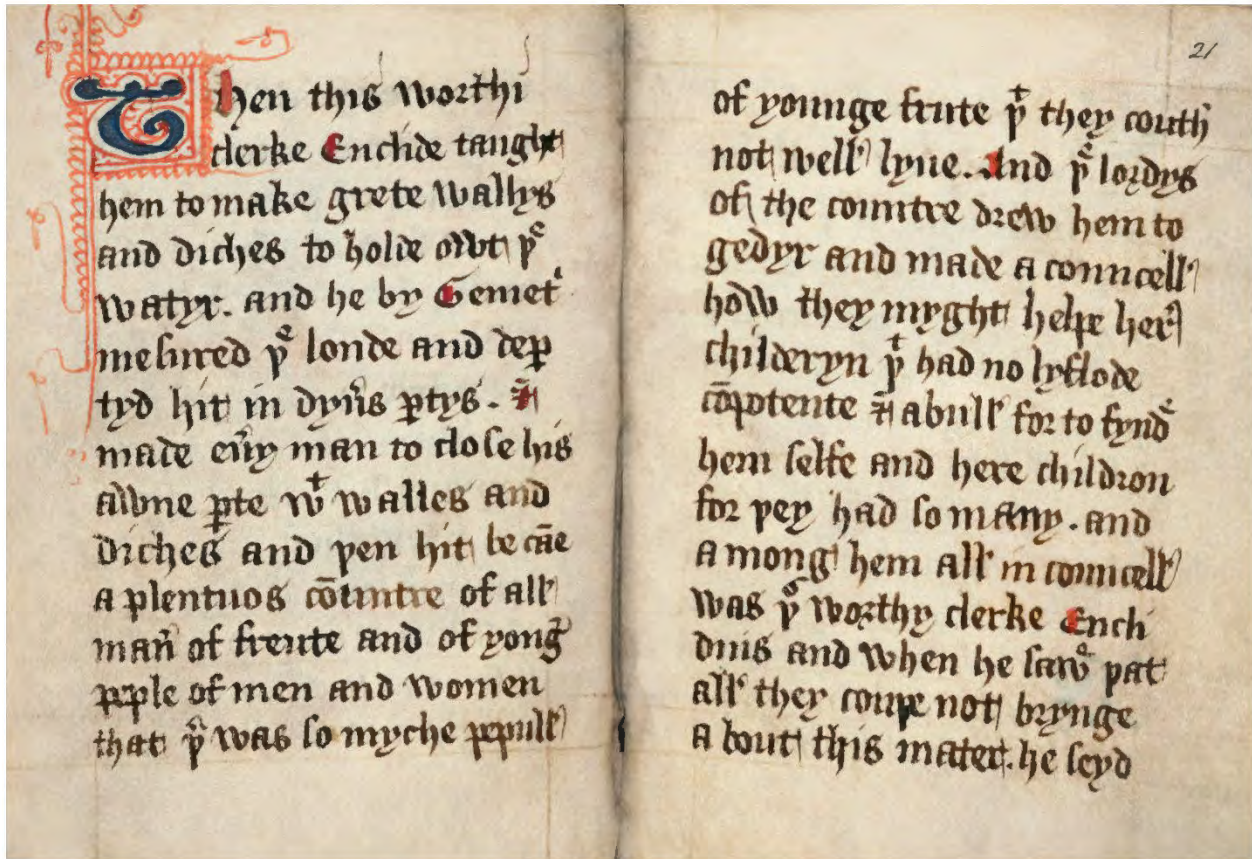
As speculative Masons, perhaps that is all we ever really need. A bit of Wonder, and perhaps, in better moments, a crystalline fragment of Awe.

Thank you, Brothers, for this opportunity to share some thoughts on a fraught topic. To close, I would like to leave us each with our own, as we share seven minutes of our life together in this Lodge, listening to Tchaikovsky's "Hymn of the Cherubim."

May perpetual light shine upon you.



Masonic Manuscripts MS  
Cooke about 1450



Source:<sup>1</sup>

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